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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE: BANGLADESH WAITS ITS TURN

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SUMMARY: BDG FOREIGN MINISTRY IS QUITE CERTAIN
NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL SUPPORT KABUL PREPARATORY
RECOMMENDATION THAT BANGLADESH BE ADMITTED TO ALGIERS CONFERENCE.
BDG PLANS TO MAINTAIN A LOW PROFILE AT THIS SESSION AND WILL
FOLLOW WILL OF MAJORITY ON KEY ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

1. RIAZ RAHMAN, MFA OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER AUG. 30 HIS
GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL STRONG INDICATIONS BANGLA-
DESH WILL BE ADMITTED TO NON-ALIGNED CLUB. AUG. 29 INDO-PAK
AGREEMENT SHOULD CLEAR ANY REMAINING HURDLES TO ADMISSION.
FOREIGN MINISTER KAMAL HOSSAIN EXPECTS TO JOIN HIS COLLEAGUES
AND PRIME MINISTER SHEIKH MUJIB TO BE PRESENT FOR SUMMIT.

2. BANGLADESH'S OBJECTIVES AT ALGIERS ARE LIMITED. BDG PRIMARILY
WANTS CACHET OF RECOGNITION THAT MEMEBERSHIP IN CONFERENCE
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CARRIES. IT WILL SEEK BACKING FOR ADMISSION TO UNITED NATIONS

AND WILL WORK FOR A SOLUTION RECOMMENDING SUCH. ALGIERS CONFERENCE WILL PROVIDE BDG ITS FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH ALL ARAB STATES ON AN EQUAL FOOTING AND BD DELEGATION HOPES TO USE OCCASION TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING OF ITS DIFFERENCES WITH PAKISTAN AND WORK TOWARDS DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION BY THOSE ARAB STATES WHICH ARE STILL HOLDING BACK. MOREOVER MUJIB LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING WITH PARTICULAR PERSONAL INTEREST AND WISHES TO STATE HIS AND HIS COUNTRY'S COMMITMENT TO THE "NON-ALIGNED PRINCIPLE".

3. WITH THESE AS BANGLADESH'S PRIMARY GOALS, BDG WILL LIE LOW ON CONTENTIOUS ISSUES FACING CONFERENCE AND FOLLOW WILL OF THE MAJORITY. IT WILL PROBABLY BACK A TOUGH RESOLUTION ON MIDDLE EAST AND SHOULD BE EXPECTED TO SUPPORT PRO-SIHANOUK MOVE.
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